## **HOUSE BILL No. 2132**

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-10.1-4-3.

**Synopsis:** Government study requirement for graduation. Requires a student, beginning with the class that expects to graduate during the 2003-2004 school year, to complete at least two semesters of studies in government to receive a high school diploma. Provides that the government studies must include one semester that emphasizes state and local government and civics.

Effective: July 1, 2001.

## Thompson, Porter

January 17, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.





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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 20-10.1-4-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 3. System of Government; American History. (a) Each public and nonpublic school shall provide within the two (2) weeks preceding each general election for all students in each of grades six (6) through twelve (12) five (5) full recitation periods of class discussion concerning the system of government in Indiana and in the United States, methods of voting, party structures, election laws, and the responsibilities of citizen participation in government and in elections.

- (b) No one A student may not receive a high school diploma unless he the student has completed:
  - (1) a two (2) semester course in American history; and
  - (2) beginning with the class of students who expect to graduate during the 2003-2004 school year, not less than two
  - (2) semester courses in government, including at least a one
  - (1) semester course that emphasizes state and local government and civics.



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1 (c) If a public school superintendent violates this section, the state 2 superintendent shall receive and record reports of the violations, and 3 the general assembly may examine these reports.

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